

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

CLAIMS 1-11 (CANCELED).

CLAIM 12 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): An axle bolt for an axle that is structured to be rotatably fitted to within a bottom bracket of a bicycle frame and coupled to a crank arm so that the axle and the crank arm rotate as a unit relative to the bottom bracket as the bicycle is pedaled, wherein the axle has an inner peripheral surface, wherein the axle bolt comprises:

a bolt body having a threaded outer peripheral surface and an inner peripheral surface defining an opening;

wherein the threaded outer peripheral surface is adapted dimensioned to fit within the inner peripheral surface of the axle;

a plurality of splines circumferentially disposed on the inner peripheral surface of the bolt body; and

a flange extending radially outwardly from the bolt body.

CLAIM 13 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 12 wherein the flange is positioned at an end of the bolt body.

CLAIM 14 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 13 wherein the plurality of splines are positioned at the end of the bolt body.

CLAIM 15 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 14 wherein the flange has a knurled outer peripheral surface.

CLAIM 16 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 15 wherein each of the plurality of splines comprises an arcuate projection.

CLAIM 17 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 16 wherein there is exactly eight splines.

CLAIM 18 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 12 wherein the plurality of splines are positioned at an end of the bolt body.

CLAIM 19 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 12 wherein the flange has a knurled outer peripheral surface.

CLAIM 20 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 12 wherein there is exactly eight splines.

CLAIM 21 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 12 wherein each of the plurality of splines comprises an arcuate projection.

CLAIMS 22-34 (CANCELED).